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LAST EDITION. CITIES FALL IN GREECE.

More Earthquake Shocks and a Perfect Reign of Terror To-Day.

MANY LIVES REPORTED LOST. Inhabitants Flee, Believing that the End of the World Is Come.

FIFTY HOUSES FALL IN THEBES.

Government Sending Tents for the Shelter of the Homeless.

ATHENS, April 21.—Reports which are reaching here slowly from the districts which were shaken by an earthquake, yesterday evening show that the shocks were most severe and that the damage done was much greater than at first supposed. The town of Neapolis, near Aialania, otherwise known as Talanda, seven miles north of Mount Talanda, is a heap of ruins.

Though no less of a life is as yet reported, it is known that a number of people have been injured at Aialania, and at Chalica, capital of Euboea, seventeen miles from Thebes. Volo and Larissa have also sustained considerable damage, and Thebes is said to have been the most severely damaged of all.

According to reports in circulation here, Thebes must have been almost totally destroyed, and its inhabitants will have to be promptly succored by the Government, as they are said to be without food or shelter. No deaths, however, are reported. Some time may elapse before full details of the disaster are obtainable, although every effort is being made to obtain accurate information upon the subject.

Thebes is a town of Greece, in Boeotia, on a height, anciently occupied by the Cadmean citadel. It is situated twenty-six miles from Livadia and has a population of about 3,000. Thebes is said to have been founded by Cadmus about B. C. 1549, and was at one time a city of great wealth and importance.

LATER.—Information from the places which have suffered from the earthquake now shows that in some districts there have been great loss of life. The inhabitants, everywhere, have been alarmed to-day by fresh shocks and it is feared that the worst has not yet happened as the weather continues close and murky. The shocks today injured the northern wing of the Palace here, in several places. A large stone fell out of the Gate of Hadrian.

Official telegrams show that the villages around Attalania have suffered terribly. Larissa, Proskina, Malesina, Masi, Pella, and Martos are in ruins. The full number of killed is as yet unknown.

Very serious damage has been done at Chalica and at several villages on the island of Euboea. At Thebes about fifty houses fell during one of the shocks this morning. The city is in a state of panic and destitution. The terrified people have rushed in crowds away from Thebes, believing that the end of the world has come. Conflicting stories are told as to the loss of life.

The Government is sending a warship to Thebes with 600 tons, a large number of surgeons, a detachment of engineers and supplies of food for the destitute people.

Death of Lord Emily. (By Associated Press.) LONDON, April 21.—The Times this morning announces the death of Lord Emily.

William Monnell, the first Baron Emly, was born in 1812 and had served as Vice-Chancellor of the Royal University of Ireland, Vice-President of the Board of Trade, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Secretary of the House of Commons. He was elevated to the Peerage in 1873.

Cabinet and Chamber at Odds. (By Associated Press.) LONDON, April 21.—A despatch from Rome to the Times says that the relations between the Ministry and the Chamber are strained to an unprecedented point, and that it is impossible to anticipate the result of the vote on the proposed military economies.

WANTED HIS BLOOD. Lawyer Johnson's Affectionate Letter to His Brother Abe.

Charged with Assault by Pretty Mrs. Abe, His Sister-in-Law.

Declares He's Being Blackmailed and Makes a Few Remarks.

Lawyer Samuel Johnson, of 7 Beekman street, is defendant in a police court action for assaulting his sister-in-law. He declares, however, that he is being blackmailed.

If he hadn't been appointed executor of the estate of his mother, Rosa Johnson, who died a year ago, leaving property amounting to several thousand dollars to him and his brothers, Abraham, Joseph, Jacob and David, and two sisters, Jennie and Marie, Mr. Johnson is sure that he would have been spared many sleepless nights and also the mortification of having to appear in a police court as a defendant in an assault case.

Samuel being the lawyer of the family was entrusted with the task of dividing up the property among his brothers and sisters. It was natural that there should have been some grumbling among the heirs; Lawyer Johnson expected that, but he didn't think that Brother Abraham would cause so much trouble.

Abraham is the rolling stone of the Johnson family, and when he rolled home five months ago from Honolulu, where he hoisted the American flag on the occasion of the Boston's marines occupying Queen Lili's domain, he was firmly convinced that Samuel owed him \$1,000, at least, from his share of the estate.

Lawyer Johnson lives in a fine sixteen-room brownstone mansion at 611 Mott avenue. He keeps three servants and a carriage. Brother Abraham lives in three rooms at 158 Clinton street, on the east side, and is apparently in the last stages of consumption.

An "Evening World" reporter found him there to-day propped up in a chair with a head and shoulders bandage, bravely but hopelessly with a hacking cough, and a look of suffering. He was dressed in full sailor regalia, made things lively in the three small rooms.

Abraham has a slender little woman with a very soft voice, busied herself tidying up the room and making her husband comfortable. He didn't take Abraham long to get to talking about Brother Samuel.

"That man has a heart of stone," he began. "Here I am, sick and helpless, and he with everything that heart can wish for and money in his pocket, which belongs to me."

"He has receipts, I know, which make it appear that I have got all that is due me, but they are only accommodations, given to help him over rough places."

Abraham has a big bundle of documents, and he claims he has been taking with him hemorrhages, and that the three he used to be comforting letters from his brother, Samuel.

"Here is a cheerful one I received one day," and Abraham handed the reporter the following letter:

Abraham Johnson, Esq., 134 1/2 First street, Portland, Ore.

GEN. COXEY IS HERE. Commonweal Army Leader Registers at the Sturtevant.

Big Crowd at the St. John House to Welcome Him.

Bowery Laureate "Feeb" Tunes His Lyre Anew in His Honor.

Gen. Coxe arrived at the Sturtevant House at 10:30 o'clock this morning. He registered as "J. S. Coxe, Massillon, O."

After a few moments rest he started for the Bowery, where he is to look after the care of some very fine horses.

Gen. Coxe declined to be interviewed by reporters.

The report this morning that Gen. J. S. Coxe, of the Commonweal Army, had arrived in town and was stopping at the St. John House, Forty-ninth street and Broadway, brought a prodigious assortment of misfit humanity to that place.

The bartender of the saloon, who is, at the same time, clerk of the hotel, veiled his answers concerning the General's presence in the house in such mysterious terms that everybody who inquired was at first led to believe that Coxe was actually stopping there.

Nor was this impression dispelled until after considerable quantities of beer and other liquid refreshments had been consumed. It was then that the bartender, clerk announced to the disconcerted crowd that Gen. Coxe was not stopping at the St. John House.

Among the throng of Gen. Coxe's disappointed admirers who had gathered at the St. John House this morning was "Feeb," the Bowery lodging-house poet, who celebrated in glowing verse the centenary of Coxe's recruiting office in this city.

"Feeb" had brought his horse, a white waiting, supposedly for Gen. Coxe, to rise, he kept the expectant throng in high spirits.

Several had brought tomato-cans along, but the crowd being large enough to eat them, they were not used.

"Feeb" mounted another keg and, in a ring of his pocket, he offered a sermon of emotion of some other cause, began to sing:

Come, boys, surround the beer keg, And sing to me my song: Great Coxe is among us, To each of us a wrong.

No more shall sorrow grip us, We're on the way to wealth. Then here's to Gen. Coxe, And here's to his health!

KELLY'S ARMY RESTS. And the Hot-Heads at Omaha and Council Bluffs Cool Off.

Commonwealers May Come East from Iowa in Wagons.

Farmers Sending in Offers of Teams and Food Supplies.

(By Associated Press.) OMAHA, Neb., April 21.—The Kelly commonwealers at Weston, Ia., seem to be resting to-day, and the frenzied "treasures" from Omaha and Council Bluffs appear to have disappeared completely from view. The wild work of yesterday and last night seemed to have wearied the crowds.

The continued freezing weather also had the effect of cooling the hot heads to a certain extent.

Threatening weather caused Kelly to delay his march back to Council Bluffs. He also waited to hear the result of the efforts of General Manager St. John and W. H. M. Pusey to secure a train for the army on the Rock Island. He was favorably impressed with the suggestion of Edward Rosewater that he secure teams and make the trip overland to Washington, and he was to-day telegraphing encouraging responses from the farming classes to his appeal for assistance for this purpose.

Kelly expressed the hope to-day that his friends in Omaha and Council Bluffs would strictly observe the law, even though they are laboring under great excitement.

The army to-day found itself with only enough provisions to last for another meal. Reports from all towns here are to the effect that the people have contributed pieces of supplies, but have no means of getting the stuff to the army.

Kelly thinks he will not accept the proposition for transportation to Kansas City by water except as a last resort. If it will land him any nearer to his desired destination.

LOST A \$1,100 DIAMOND RING. Dr. John W. Gibbs Will Pay Its Full Value to the Finder.

Given Him by His Sweetheart as a Mark of Their Engagement.

Dr. John Wilson Gibbs, of 1086 Broadway, lost an \$1,100 3-karat, single-stone diamond ring yesterday between 11:45 A. M. and 12:15 P. M., while riding in a cable car from 1123 Broadway to his home.

The doctor attaches a special value to the ring, as it was given to him by a lady as a mark of their engagement. He had been in a Union Square jewelry store, and had there purchased another ring, which he placed on his finger, removing the diamond ring and vesting it in his pocket.

Dr. Gibbs, who has been prominent in the fight against the physical condition of noted pugilists, said this morning that he had received a letter from Peter Jackson, who is now playing with his company in Cincinnati. Jackson wrote that he was in perfect health, and was never in better fighting condition.

He thinks that a fight between himself and Corbett is quite likely to be arranged for before the year ends.

THE DESIGN THAT FAILED. A Decorative Suggestion for the Next Municipal Building.



PHILADELPHIA Tariff Leaguers Storm Washington To-Day.

Senators Hill, Quay and Cameron Promise to See Them.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 21.—More than one thousand workmen from Philadelphia and New Jersey marched down Pennsylvania avenue to-day to emphasize their protest against the Wilson Tariff bill. Men and women were in line marching four abreast under the American flag and flanking banners displaying mottoes opposed to the Wilson bill.

The special Baltimore and Ohio train from Philadelphia which pulled into the depot at 11 o'clock to-day carried 400 men. This delegation was met by the company of 300 which had arrived yesterday. The depot fairly bristled with special policemen.

Major Moore, the Chief of Police, with Lieut. Kelly and two sergeants were on hand, and when the procession formed it was guided by the lieutenant. In the front rank was carried a great silk American flag, which had been donated by John Wanamaker for the demonstration.

Behind was a black banner with the legend in gold letters: "Non-partisanship in defense of the people's rights." Behind this were many banners of the home industries, and to prevent their turning, many Senators and Congressmen, walking up the avenue at that hour to the Capitol, eyed the parade curiously, as one of them was Senator Quay. No demonstration of any sort was made by the spectators.

Gathering in Metzerott's Hall, the committee delegated to wait upon various Senators and Congressmen. Epiphany, the Chairman of the Finance Committee in charge of the report, was written to, and had been called for at his house and at the Senate, but could not get there. Deeds greeted this announcement.

Delegates who had called upon Senators Hodge, Smith and Murphy reported that those Senators could not be found. Senator Hill had promised to meet the delegates at noon, and Senators Cameron and Quay had promised to do all in their power to bring the memorial of the Convention to the attention of the Senate.

The resolutions adopted by the Special Committee were read by Secretary J. J. Kelly.

BULLET-HOLE IN THE TEMPLE OF JOSEPH SMOLECK.

Missing for Weeks, His Body Found in the River.

It now appears that the fears of the friends of Joseph Smoleck, whose mysterious disappearance was reported exclusively in "The Evening World," on March 20, may have had solid foundation. They have held that he was the victim of foul play, and the developments of the last three days seem to sustain the theory.

On the afternoon of Wednesday last the body of a man was found in the East River at the foot of East Forty-second street, and last night it was identified as the corpse of Joseph Smoleck by the dead man's sister, Mrs. Annie Horn, of 566 First avenue. There is a bullet-hole in the temple of the corpse.

The police of the East Thirty-fifth street station are investigating the mystery, and Detectives Tierney and Nilon have been assigned to the case. Police-Capt. Martens has reported that the Smoleck was probably the victim of foul play.

Smoleck was last seen early Sunday morning, Feb. 12. On the previous Saturday night he attended a birthday party in the apartments of Anton Stahiba, in the tenement-house at 404 East Thirty-third street.

When Smoleck reached Stahiba's rooms it is said he was intoxicated, and was ordered to leave. He then visited the rooms of John Arnot, on the top floor of the same house.

Arnot says that Smoleck knocked at his door, and when asked who he was gave an insulting reply. He continued to knock at the door until Arnot says he opened it and struck him in the face. Then, Arnot says, and his wife corroborates him, Smoleck went downstairs. "This is the last that was seen of Smoleck until his body was found. He was a Bohemian tailor, twenty-eight years old and resided with his sister."

SHOT DEAD AS HE RAN. Marshall, Ill., Young Man Killed Under Curious Circumstances.

(By Associated Press.) MARSHALL, Ill., April 21.—Will Eaton, aged twenty, was killed here last night under remarkable circumstances. Mrs. Brown, a wealthy lady, received a note through the post-office demanding that she leave \$500 at a certain place near her residence or her house would be blown up.

JUDGE GILDERSLEEVE LOOKS UP ALL PAPERS EXCEPT THE DECREE.

Actor Charged with Indiscretion with a Society Woman.

Loose His Child and Must Pay \$25 a Week Alimony.

Judge Gildersleeve, of the Court of Common Pleas, to-day granted a decree of absolute divorce to Mrs. Cora Bell Hilliard from her husband, Robert C. Hilliard, the actor.

The action was begun last December and the greatest secrecy was maintained. Lawyer Edward Jacobs, of 333 Broadway, was appointed referee to hear the evidence. He made his report to Judge Gildersleeve this morning and the decree was at once signed.

From an authoritative source it was learned that there was more than one co-respondent, but the charges were proven in a married woman promiscuity in society all the papers except the formal decree sealed.

The decree grants Mrs. Hilliard \$25 a week alimony, and the custody of the twelve-year-old son, Robert Bell Hilliard, to her.

The decree further provides that Hilliard shall be allowed to see his son, and also that the child shall be allowed to visit his paternal grandmother.

Mrs. Hilliard was prominent in Brooklyn society before her marriage. She met Hilliard when they were both members of "The Amaranth," an amateur dramatic club of Brooklyn. Hilliard was a stockbroker. Hilliard is now playing in the "Sleep Walker," at the Bijou Theatre.

Lawyer A. H. Hummel represented Mrs. Hilliard and Gen. Martin T. McMahon was Hilliard's attorney.

LAST EDITION. THOUSANDS OF MINERS QUIT.

General Strike Order Very Largely Observed at Noon To-Day.

MUCH SYMPATHY FOR THE MEN.

Ohio Operators Would Yield if Pittsburg Magnates Would Let Them.

DOUBTS IN THE COKE REGION. The Workers There May Be Discouraged by Their Late Failure.

(By Associated Press.) COLUMBUS, O., April 21.—Reports at the National headquarters of the Miners' Union regarding the general strike fixed for to-day, are to the effect that in the black-lan fields of Indiana, where the men have a contract, they will work two days a week until May 1, when they will join in the suspension.

Maryland, where nothing was expected, has joined in the suspension. On the New and Kanawha rivers there is every indication of a general suspension.

It is an open secret in Columbus that the operators of this region are in sympathy with the strikers and hope the miners will win. The operators here desire to pay the scale proposed by the miners, but are prevented by certain operators in the Pittsburgh district, who have been refusing to do so.

Seven hundred men are out at New Staunton. These miners are among the most conservative and intelligent in the country.

A special from Trimble to The Dispatch says all of the miners in the Sunday Creek Valley are out. There are about fifteen hundred of them.

ALL QUIET IN POMEROY, O., DISTRICT. POMEROY, O., April 21.—The miners of the twenty-two mines in their district laid down their tools to-day and joined the general strike. Seven hundred of the 800 employed in Pomeroiy Bend had signed an agreement last night to abide by the terms of the strike. Active operators have signified their willingness to pay the price demanded.

These Men Don't Strike. MINONK, Ill., April 21.—The miners went to work to-day, and refused to go to the fire in the mine some time ago and the enforced idleness of the men. It is not at this time thought they will join the general strike.

RED RUN MEN OUT EARLY. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., April 21.—The 200 miners employed at the Red Run mine, at this time refused to go to work this morning. The mine-owners used every available means of persuasion, but the men were determined to stay out. The mine-owners are now making every effort to remain out. All the miners are members of the United Mine Workers' Association.

IN THE BITUMINOUS REGIONS. PHILADELPHIA, April 21.—The miners in what is known as the Clearfork district, when newly all the miners working in the mines along the Beech Creek Railroad suspended their work to-day. The number of the mines not having sufficient coal to keep the fires under the boilers this district and about 800 in the mountain district. A prominent operator said to-day:

"The strike is a move against a reduction in wages, but simply and solely for the purpose of keeping the officers of the United Mine Workers' Association out of office. Things had been quiet for so long a time, that the working miners were practically maintaining a charity organization for some time. It would have paid us to have closed our mines six months ago. When I thought it necessary to reduce wages, in order to keep the men at work, they accepted the situation quietly and did not object."

STRIKERS WHO BEGAN YESTERDAY. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 21.—The big strike may be said to have begun yesterday, when nearly all the miners working in the mines along the Beech Creek Railroad suspended their work to-day. The number of the mines not having sufficient coal to keep the fires under the boilers this district and about 800 in the mountain district. A prominent operator said to-day: